

Whom Shall I Fear?

A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1 (KJV) 

The Word of God has a lot to say about fear. In the above Psalm David poses a good question: "Whom shall we fear?" The answer? Let's let him provide it for us.



Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:11 (KJV) 

Although this may seem obvious to you there is a certain group of 'Christians' who have no fear, even of God Himself! This is especially true of those who have fallen for the damnable heresy of Eternal Security. I have personally witnessed many of them who brazenly call into question God's grace if we suggest that it cannot be stretched to accommodate indulging their pet sins. There is clearly no fear of God in these people.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Psalms 111:10 (KJV) 

David tells us no less than four times in the book of Psalms that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Why is this so? Because it is only when every decision that we make is based on this Godly fear that we are able to live out our existence pleasing to Him. But for the "Once Saved, Always Saved" that Godly fear David spoke of was without cause.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28 (KJV) 

Our fear of God is not based upon some concern that He will take our salvation away from us whenever we commit a sin, after all we continue to be sinners. It is a loss of respect for the cross, to virtually trample that grace under foot. To them God has lost His ability to cast them into Hell no matter what sins they may commit. The cross is not something they cling to for their very lives on a daily basis, it is an emergency parachute sitting in a corner gathering dust.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:12 (KJV) 

Yes indeed, gathering dust in a corner just like their bibles. Because if they would only read them they would see that we are all commanded to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. As the foolish virgins they live out their lives with empty lamps totally unprepared for the arrival of the Bridegroom

(**Matthew 25:10 KJV** ). As the goodman of the house they are not watching for Christ to come as a thief (**Luke 12:39 KJV** ). The tribulation that Christ promised some would be found worthy to escape(**Luke 21:36 KJV** ) is all but upon us. And the church sleeps.

Godly fear moves us to repentance as often as we sin. When the cross has been applied to our wicked hearts we simply recognize our salvation is not a onetime event, but a perpetual need for God's grace. It is as important to us as every breath and every beat of our hearts is to life. Oh Lord, we need thee every hour. This is what it means to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

